

1. DATE, TIME GROUP 3 July 1965 04/0355Z	2. LOCATION Rochester, Minnesota
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Probable Balloon sighting. Request that identification of object be determined.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 7 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object appeared round to eye. Elongated when viewed through telescope. Appeared as a light brighter than stars. Erratic motion including stationary periods, sudden bursts of speed, changes in brightness, and flashing or flickering. Object moved in front of moon. Observed on two other occasions in same place. Also reportedly observed by FAA controllers at RST Airport. Object climbing from low elevation in West to 75 deg elevation in West.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (TX)	
7. COURSE Rising	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<i>Garnet hog hot Air balloon</i>

FORM  
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Mr. [REDACTED]

Dear

The current report on Project Blue Book, the Air Force project on unidentified flying objects, is attached as requested. This report contains information on the UFO program since its origin in 1948.

Sincerely,

*Sara Hunt*

SARA HUNT  
Community Relations Division  
Office of Information

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Blue Book Report

Mr. [REDACTED]

Rochester, Minnesota

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		DATE		COORDINATION
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			INFORMATION	
<sup>3</sup>			NOTE AND RETURN	
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			SIGNATURE	

REMARKS

This office is in receipt of a UFO report from Gary Peterson, 1309, 3rd Avenue, SW, Rochester, Minn. Request your office forward him an FTD Form 164 to complete.

FROM	DATE
FTD (TDEW/UFO)	22 Jul 65
<i>Marilyn H. Stenomel</i>	PHONE 69216

DD FORM 95 Replaces DD Form 94, 1 Feb 50, and DD Form 95, 1 Feb 50, which will be used until exhausted.

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something with such speed and size that it was nothing known to me. As it crossed the surface of the moon, there was a definite shadow that trailed it. Total time of crossing was probably only 5 or 6 seconds at the most. It continued upward and finally stopped at about 80 degrees above the horizon, and flickered and then the light went out. A call to the Rochester FAA control tower confirmed the sighting, and they reported they had been watching it for about 40 minutes. They also said that on the night previous a similar sighting was made by them. This report was called to the Air Force in Minneapolis, where I assume you people got hold of it. This object was also observed the following night with two different witnesses, none of whom had had any intoxicating liquor....

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KWEB Radio Station  
News Director  
Rochester, Minnesota

DATE OF SIGHTING: 3 JULY 65

PLACE OF SIGHTING: ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA At this nothing known to something with such speed and agility. As it crossed the surface of the moon, there was a definite noise. On the night of 3 July 1965, Three witnesses and myself observed an unidentified flying object in the vicinity of Rochester, Minnesota. The sky was clear, no cloud cover, visibility was excellent, more than 15 miles, temperature was 68°, dew point 55, 64% humidity, and the winds were out of the south at 6 knots. The time of the sighting was at 2153 DST, its location 43 degrees 55' north, 92 degrees 30' west. Total time of observation was 8 minutes. Method of following observation was with the naked eye, through a telescope eyepiece fitted with a barlow lens, and through 7x35 binoculars, of which had recently been cleaned and checked in daylight conditions.

DETAILS

As stated earlier, my wife and I had guests and we had been sitting in the house talking about UFO's, etc., when my neighbor brought up the subject of a large telescope sitting in the house and just exactly how much could be seen with this. I proceeded to explain that it gave a very good view of the major planets in our solar system, as well as other celestial objects that are really quite interesting to view under the proper conditions. We then decided to set the telescope up in the back yard, which incidentally, is in a residential area with many bothersome lights, buildings, and other obstructions. The moon was at approximately 50 degrees above the horizon to the WSW, in a half moon size, with the northern most half being in very brilliant light. The telescope was first of all focused on a low power lens to get a larger image, then a higher power lens was fitted along with the barlow lens and quite a spectacular view was offered one who had never seen anything through a telescope such as this. At this time our wives came to the back yard, my wife bringing a pair of 7x35 binoculars, and she lent them to Mrs. [REDACTED] to look at the moon. The moment they stepped out of the door, my attention was drawn to a very bright light at approximately 15 degrees above the horizon which was red and blinking much the same way a tower light for a radio antenna would. I asked Mr. [REDACTED] if possibly I could use the scope for a moment and bring the light into focus, as it had aroused my curiosity, being that it was not moving, and we had never noticed a tower light there before. Without bothering to change the lens in the scope, I focused in on the light which really did not better the viewing any, except that it really didn't seem to be blinking. I made note of the time and continued to watch it, until I realized that suddenly I was moving the axis controls, and that it had begun to move upward. It moved with a slight increase in speed, and then suddenly it appeared if a small part of it had fallen away and burned up. My wife remarked that she had lost the object from the light being reflected by the moon, but I could still make it out as it travelled nearer. Suddenly a shape could be made out as it entered this intense light, and it appeared to be oblong and lit up. Just a row of lights, nothing else. In the matter of seconds it took to cross the surface of the moon, there was something that made me realize right there that this was

something with such speed and size that it was nothing known to me. As it crossed the surface of the moon, there was a definite shadow that trailed it. Total time of crossing was probably only 5 or 6 seconds at the most. It continued upward and finally stopped at about 80 degrees above the horizon, and flickered and then the light went out. A call to the Rochester FAA control tower confirmed the sighting, and they reported they had been watching it for about 40 minutes. They also said that on the night previous a similar sighting was made by them. This report was called to the Air Force in Minneapolis, where I assume you people got hold of it. This object was also observed the following night with two different witnesses, none of whom had had any intoxicating liquor....

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1. When did you see the object?

3 JULY 1965

Day

Month

Year

2. Time of day: 10 55 CDT  
Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or  P.M.

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One):  
 a. Eastern  
 b. Central  
 c. Mountain  
 d. Pacific  
 e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One):  
 a. Daylight Saving  
 b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

Nearest Postal Address

E. S.W. ROCHESTER

City or Town

MINN.

State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

8 Hours 0 Minutes 0 Seconds

a. Certain  
 b. Fairly certain  
 c. Not very sure  
 d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? CLOCK

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY

a. Bright  
b. Cloudy

NIGHT

a. Bright  
b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One):  
 a. In front of you  
 b. In back of you  
 c. To your right  
 d. To your left  
 e. Overhead  
 f. Don't remember

Rochester, Minn



Department of the Air Force  
Community Relations Division  
Office of Information  
Washington, D.C.

ATTN: ~~Sara Hart~~

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**8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?**

**8.1 STARS (Circle One):**

- a. None
  - b. A few
  - c. Many
  - d. Don't remember

### **8.2 MOON (Circle One):**

- a. Bright moonlight
  - b. Dull moonlight
  - c. No moonlight – pitch dark
  - d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

**CLOUDS (Circle One):**

- a. Clear sky
  - b. Hazy
  - c. Scattered clouds
  - d. Thick or heavy clouds

**WEATHER (Circle One):**

- a. Dry
  - b. Fog, mist, or light rain
  - c. Moderate or heavy rain
  - d. Snow
  - e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
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  - c. Vapor
  - d. As a light
  - e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- a. Brighter       c. About the same  
 b. Dimmer       d. Don't know

### 11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

## Radio TOWER LIGHT

12. The edges of the object were:

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- c. Sharply outlined
- d. Don't remember

e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Did the object:**

(Circle One for each question)

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  - c. Break up into parts or explode?
  - d. Give off smoke?
  - e. Change brightness?
  - f. Change shape?
  - g. Flash or flicker?
  - h. Disappear and reappear?

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

SEE ATTACHMENT #1

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes  No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind:

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes  No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: MOON

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound NONE

b. Color RED

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

LARGER THAN

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails.

Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

APPEARED ROUND WITH NAKED EYE  
ELONGATED THROUGH TELESCOPE.

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) Yes  No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? \_\_\_\_\_

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes  No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? \_\_\_\_\_

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?  
(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- c. Outdoors
- d. In an airplane (type)
- e. At sea
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

23. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
- b. In the residential section of a city?
- c. In open countryside?
- d. Near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other \_\_\_\_\_

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- |              |              |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North     | c. East      | e. South     | g. West      |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

24.2 How fast were you moving? \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes  No

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- |                 |     |    |                |                                      |    |
|-----------------|-----|----|----------------|--------------------------------------|----|
| a. Eyeglasses   | Yes | No | e. Binoculars  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses  | Yes | No | f. Telescope   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No |
| c. Windshield   | Yes | No | g. Theodolite  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other _____ |                                      |    |

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

SEE ATTACHMENT

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Day

Month

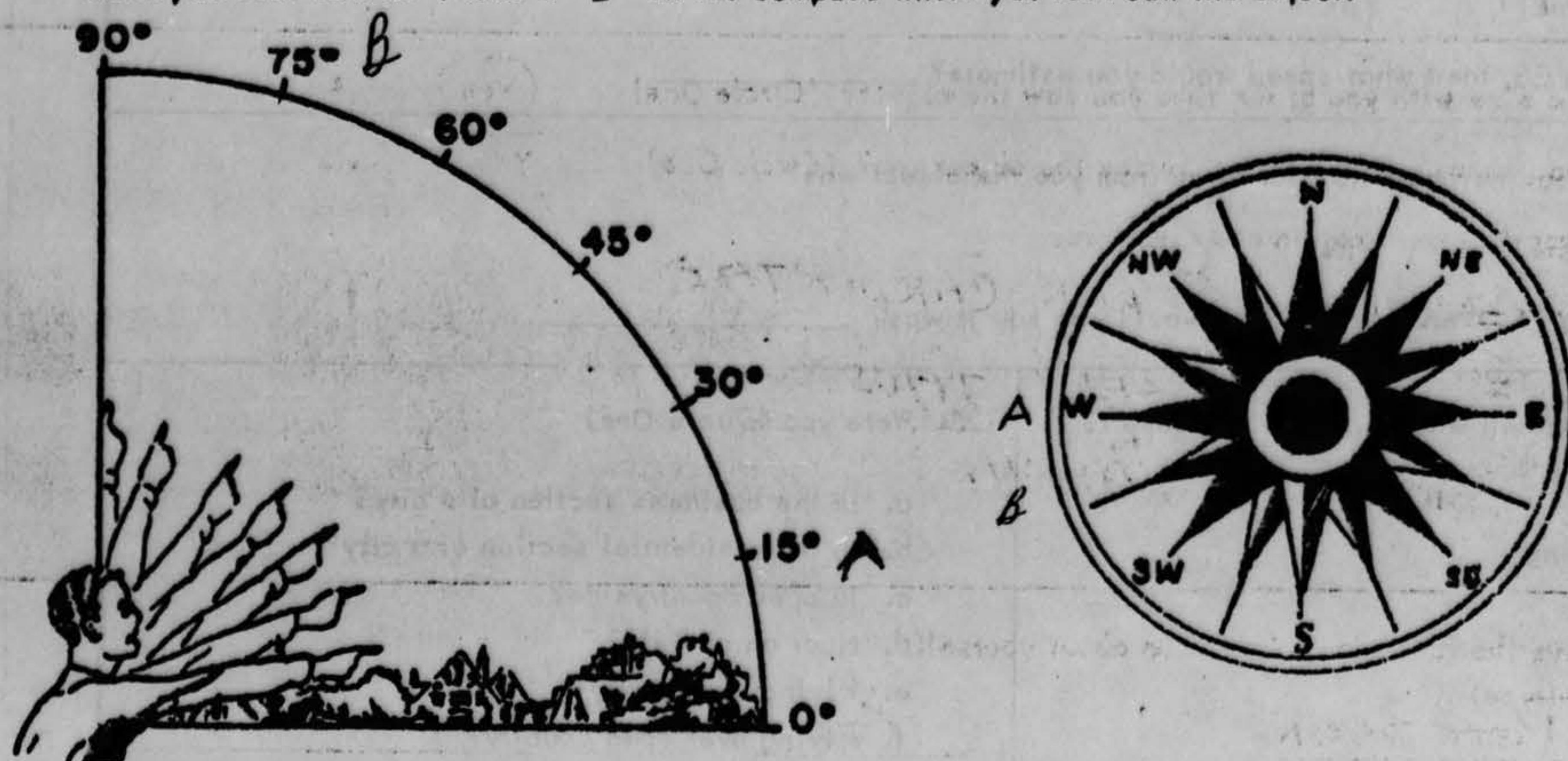
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35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

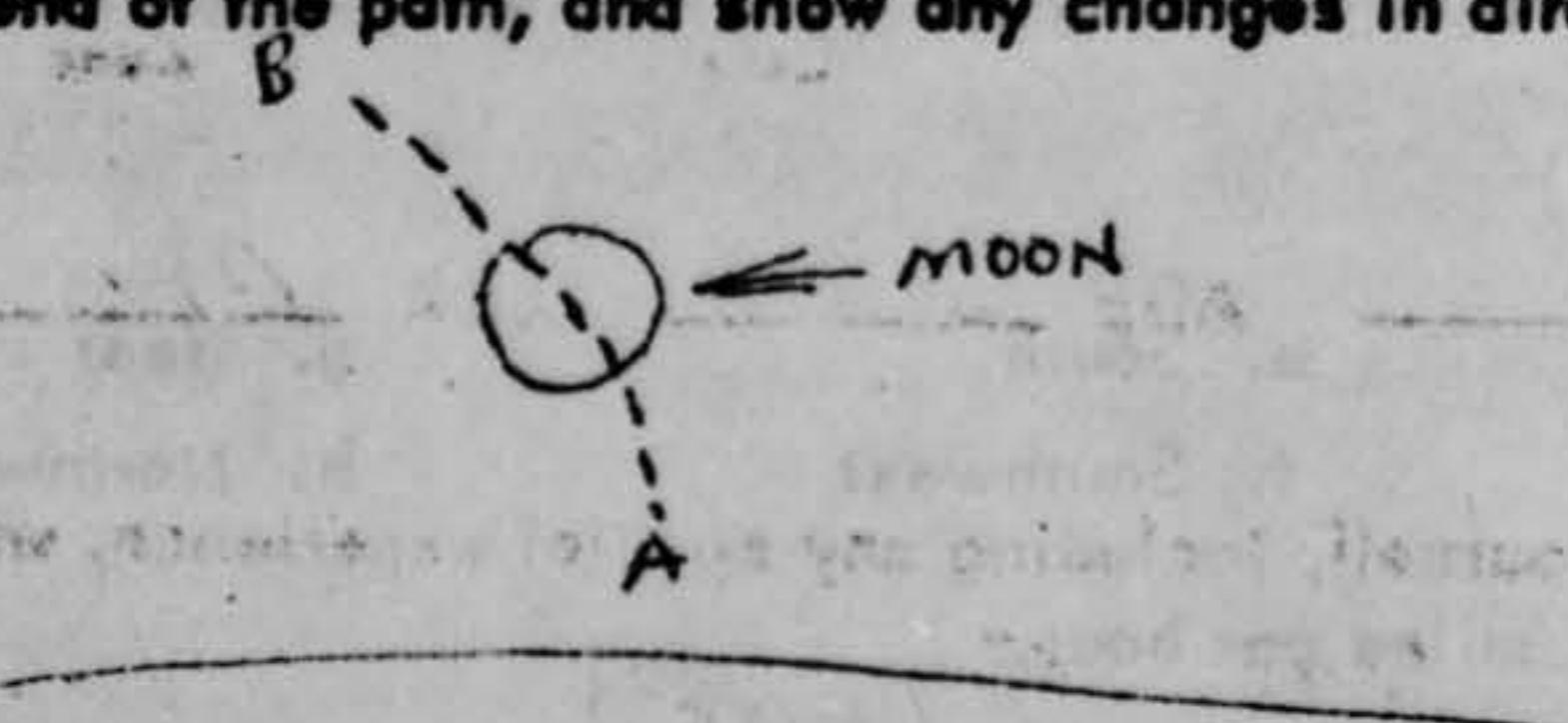
This report was received from Lt Col W D Baldwin, duty officer Twin Cities N.A.S.

Subject sighted UFO 0355Z with telescope west of Rochester. It appeared as a red light & was elongated in shape. It stopped slightly above horizon, then flight path turned southerly & slightly up. Crossed in front of moon & cast shadow on moon. Red object dropped from UFO. Total elapsed time approx 7 min.

27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you last saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you last saw the object.



28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

2 JULY & 4 JULY, SAME LOCATION,  
ALSO OBSERVED BY FAA CONTROLLERS AT RST  
AIRPORT

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One)

Yes

No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One)

Yes

No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

3 JULY = MR & MRS. [REDACTED]

4 JULY = MR & MRS. [REDACTED] AVE. S.W.  
ROCHESTER, MINN.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED]

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

AVE. S.W.

ROCHESTER

MINN.

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE N [REDACTED]

AGE 23

SEX M.

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

AMATEUR ASTRONOMER FOR 3 YEARS

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

FAA ROCHESTER

31 JULY 1965 AIR FORCE, MINNEAPOLIS

Day

Month

Year

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

2 AUGUST 1965  
Day Month Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

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HEADQUARTERS  
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION  
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting, 2 - 4 July 1965, Rochester, Minnesota

20 AUG 1965

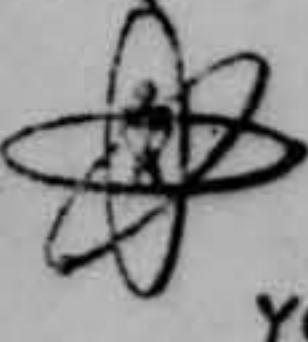
To: Federal Aviation Agency  
Control Tower Personnel  
Rochester, Minnesota

In a recent UFO report received by the Air Force, Mr. [redacted] states that he had reported his observation to personnel on duty at the Rochester tower. These objects were also allegedly observed by personnel on duty. Any information which you may have regarding objects observed on the nights of 2 - 4 July 1965 would be appreciated. If an unidentified object or objects were observed it is requested that the attached FTD Form 164s be completed and returned to FTD (TDEW), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433. If such is not the case a negative reply would be appreciated.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE  
Colonel, USAF  
Deputy for Technology  
and Subsystems

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YOU - THE NUCLEUS OF SECURITY!

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AIRPORT TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER  
FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY  
ROCHESTER AIRPORT  
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

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Foreign Technology Division  
Air Force Systems Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433

**8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?**

**8.1 STARS (Circle One):**

- a. None
  - b. A few
  - c. Many
  - d. Don't remember

### **8.2 MOON (Circle One):**

- a. Bright moonlight
  - b. ~~Bright moonlight~~
  - c. No moonlight – pitch dark
  - d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

**CLOUDS (Circle One):**

- a. Clear sky
  - b. Hazy
  - c. Scattered clouds
  - d. Thick or heavy clouds

**WEATHER (Circle One):**

- a. Dry
  - b. Fog, mist, or light rain
  - c. Moderate or heavy rain
  - d. Snow
  - e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
  - b. Transparent
  - c. Vapor
  - d. As a light
  - e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- a. Brighter**

**b. Dimmer**

**c. About the same**

**d. Don't know**

## 11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

**Flashing anticollision light on an aircraft**

12. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One):

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- b. Like a bright star
- c. Sharply outlined
- d. Don't remember

e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

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1. When did you see the object?

4

July

1965

Day

Month

Year

2. Time of day: 0310Z and 0435Z

Hour

Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One):  
 a. Eastern  
 b. Central  
 c. Mountain  
 d. Pacific  
 e. Other Grenwich

(Circle One):  
 a. Daylight Saving  
 b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

Rochester airport

Nearest Postal Address

Rochester

City or Town

Minnesota

State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

10 to 15 minutes

Hours

Minutes

Seconds

a. Certain

c. Not very sure

b. Fairly certain

d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? By tower clock

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY

a. Bright  
b. Cloudy

NIGHT

a. Bright  
b. ~~Steady~~ Partly Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One):  
 a. In front of you  
 b. In back of you  
 c. To your right  
 d. To your left  
 e. Overhead  
 f. Don't remember

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

First object gave a series of rapid flashes for about 5 seconds and disappeared. Second object an hour or so later appeared to explode. Both objects were in view for about 10 to 15 minutes before disappearing.

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes  No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind:

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes  No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of:

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound \_\_\_\_\_

b. Color Bright red flashing object and second object more of a steady red light

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

all of it.

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Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

The first object was red, flashing light varying in intensity resembling an aircraft anticollision light but definitely not such a light. The second sighting was of a red, steady, unfocused light. The first and second both appeared at about 10 degrees above the northwest horizon and climbed to about 45 degrees before disappearing.

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) Yes  No   
IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? \_\_\_\_\_

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes  No   
IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 10 - 15 miles

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?  
(Circle One):

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- c. Outdoors
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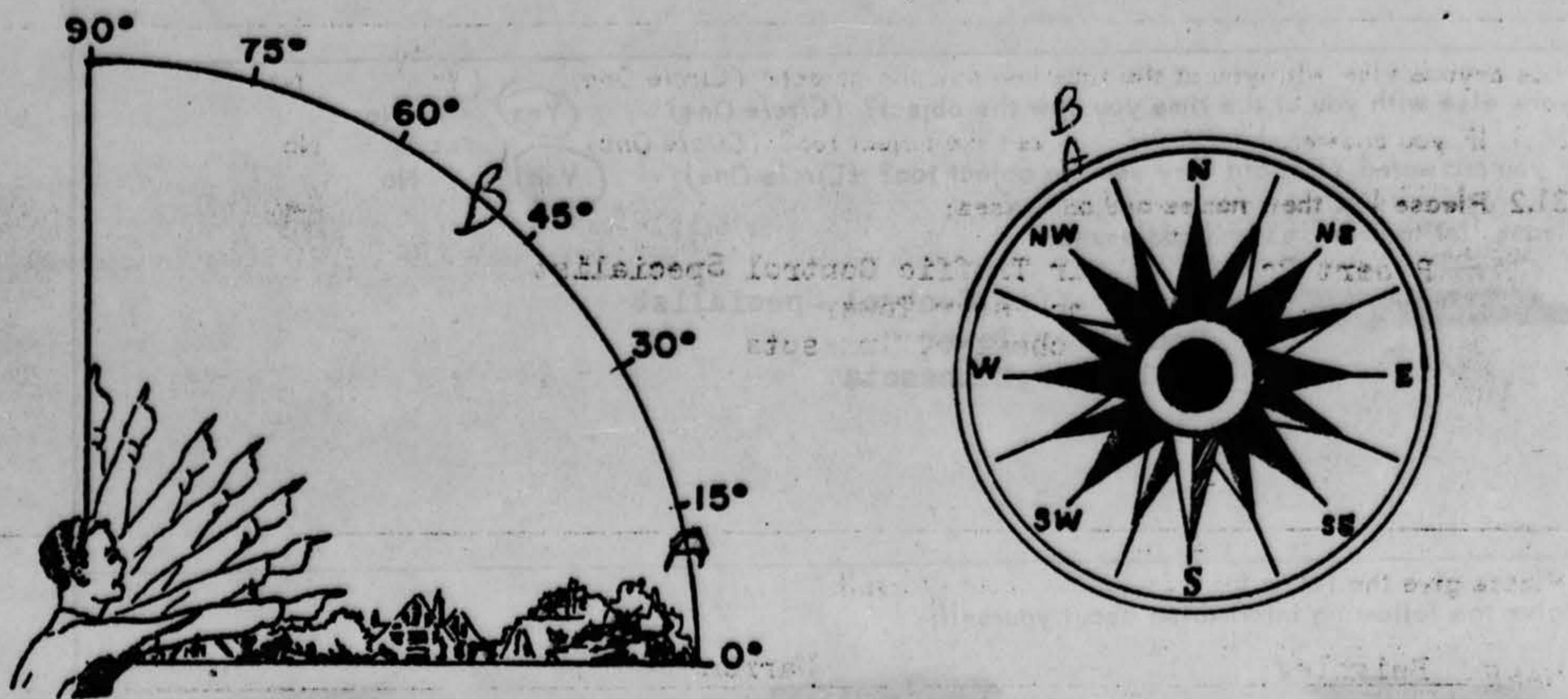
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26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

A possibility is a railroad warning flare used as a heat source for lifting a plastic balloon with the heat from its burning. The flare being suspended below an opening in the balloon.

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A → B

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Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

Three separate sightings at intervals of about 90 minutes. All originated in the same general position and followed about the same path. All disappeared in about the same general area.

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  - e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):



### 11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

12. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One):

- a. Fuzzy or blurred
- b. Like a bright star
- c. Sharply outlined
- d. Don't remember

e. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**13. Did the object:**

- a. Appear to stand still at any time?
  - b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
  - c. Break up into parts or explode?
  - d. Give off smoke?
  - e. Change brightness?
  - f. Change shape?
  - g. Flash or flicker?
  - h. Disappear and reappear?

(Circle One for each question)

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

No. This object was different than anything I have ever seen before in more than 20 years as an air traffic controller.

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One)

Yes

No

**31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One)**

Yes

No

**31.2 Please list their names and addresses:**

**Air Traffic Control Specialist  
Rochester Tower  
Rochester, Minnesota**

**32. Please give the following information about yourself:**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**First Name**

**Middle Name**

**ADDRESS**

Street?

Rochester

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Zero

**TELEPHONE NUMBER**

48

**Male**

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

Former military pilot. Air Traffic controller for more than 20 years.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

No one

Day

## Month

Year

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Sept 2      1965  
Day      Month      Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

The object disappeared before it rose so that a cloud formation lying about 60 degrees above the horizon would have given an indication as to its altitude. If it had gone behind or beneath these clouds, an accurate height observation could have been made. With no means of checking, I would estimate that the object was probably within 10 or 15 miles of the airport. If you have additional reports, an indication of its distance could be made by triangulation as the relative bearing from the airport is quite definite.

Strictly as a guess, I would associate the object as seen with the fourth of July weekend. My feeling is that the object was attached to either a gas filled balloon or a heat source used to raise a plastic balloon. The speeds as observed were not such as could not meet the criteria for such an object.

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1. When did you see the object?

*Three SIMILAR SIGHTINGS*

4      7      65  
Day      Month      Year

2. Time of day:

9      10  
10      30  
Hour      Minutes

(Circle One):      A.M.      or      P.M.

*Three sightings*

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One):  
 a. Eastern  
 b. Central  
 c. Mountain  
 d. Pacific  
 e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One):  
 a. Daylight Saving  
 b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER      Rochester      MINNESOTA  
Nearest Postal Address      City or Town      State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

10-15 each Time  
Hours      Minutes      Seconds

- a. Certain  
 b. Fairly certain  
 c. Not very sure  
 d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? Clock

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes X      No   

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY

- a. Bright  
 b. Cloudy

NIGHT

- a. Bright  
 b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

- (Circle One):  
 a. In front of you  
 b. In back of you  
 c. To your right  
 d. To your left  
 e. Overhead  
 f. Don't remember

**8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?**

**8.1 STARS (Circle One):**

- a. None
  - b. A few
  - c. Many
  - d. Don't remember

## **8.2 MOON (Circle One):**

- a. Bright moonlight
  - b. Dull moonlight
  - c. No moonlight – pitch dark
  - d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

**CLOUDS (Circle One):**

- a. Clear sky
  - b. Hazy
  - c. Scattered clouds + B
  - d. Thick or heavy clouds

**WEATHER (Circle One):**

- a. Dry
  - b. Fog, mist, or light rain
  - c. Moderate or heavy rain
  - d. Snow
  - e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
  - b. Transparent
  - c. Vapor
  - d. As a light
  - e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- a. Brighter      c. About the same  
 b. Dimmer      d. Don't know

## 11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

## Red OBSTRUCTION LIGHT

12. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One):

- a. Fuzzy or blurred
- b. Like a bright star
- c. Sharply outlined
- d. Don't remember

e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- a. Appear to stand still at any time?
  - b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
  - c. Break up into parts or explode?
  - d. Give off smoke?
  - e. Change brightness?
  - f. Change shape?
  - g. Flash or flicker?
  - h. Disappear and reappear?

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? FIRST OBSERVED 5° ABOVE HORIZON. VERY LITTLE MOVEMENT FOR 5 MINUTES. THEN A SLOW, STEADY ACCELERATION VERTICALLY. AT APPROXIMATELY 70° ABOVE HORIZON, THE LIGHT FLASHED RAPIDLY AND DISAPPEARED. TOTAL TIME 10-15 MINUTES.

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind:

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):  Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

in front of: CLOUDS - ROCHESTER WEATHER BUREAU OBSERVATIONS  
0900 CDT - 50° E 100° D / 15° | 1000 CDT 50° D 100° D / 15°  
1100 CDT 50° D / D 20° +

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound NONE HEARD

b. Color Red - STEADY - UNFOCUSED

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

100%

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails.

Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

Red, ROUND, STEADY, UNFOCUSED LIGHT. NO LATERAL MOVEMENT. VERTICAL MOVEMENT FROM 5° ABOVE HORIZON TO 70° ABOVE HORIZON.

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) Yes  No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? \_\_\_\_\_

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes  No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? \_\_\_\_\_

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?

(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- c. Outdoors
- d. In an airplane (type)
- e. At sea
- f. Other LIV CONTROL TOWER CPB

23. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
- b. In the residential section of a city?
- c. In open countryside?
- d.  Near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other \_\_\_\_\_

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- |              |              |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North     | c. East      | e. South     | g. West      |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

24.2 How fast were you moving? \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

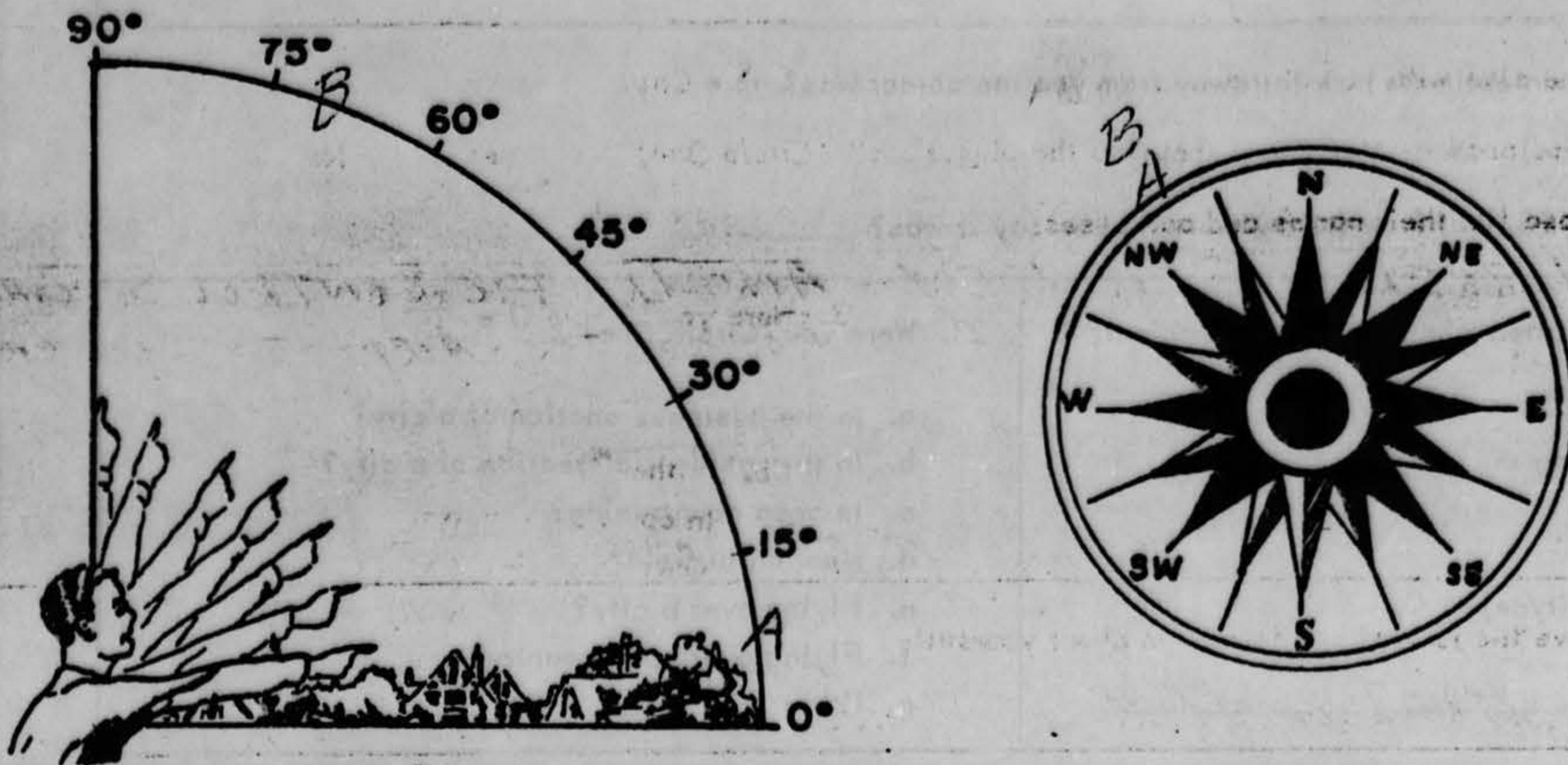
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- |                 |                                      |    |                |                                      |    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----|----------------|--------------------------------------|----|
| a. Eyeglasses   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No | e. Binoculars  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No | f. Telescope   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No |
| c. Windshield   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No | g. Theodolite  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No | h. Other _____ |                                      |    |

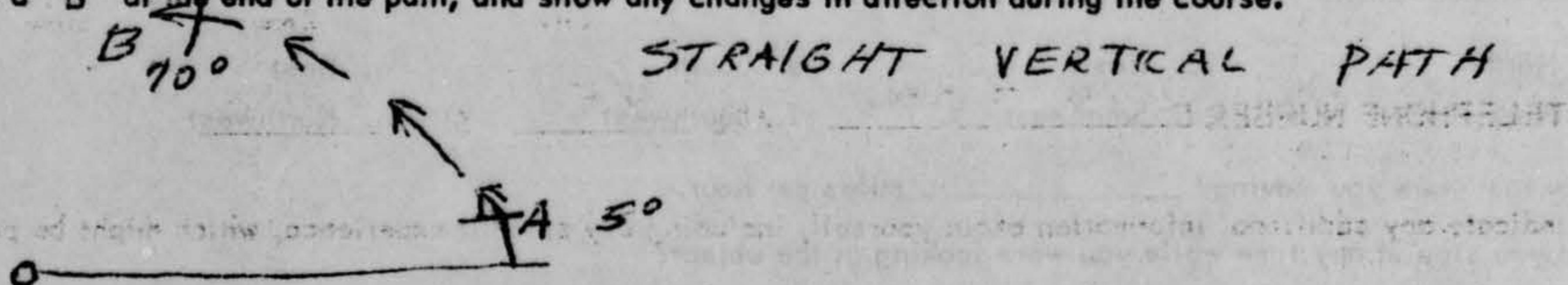
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

Red RAILROAD FLARE SUSPENDED FROM A SMALL BALLOON.

27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you last saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you last saw the object.



28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

Three Separate Sightings AND ONE OBJECT  
EACH TIME. ALL ORIGINATED SAME POSITION AND  
ALL FOLLOWED SAME PATH

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

NO

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One)

Yes

No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One)

Yes

No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

- AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SPECIALIST  
Rochester, AIRPORT TOWER

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

ROCHESTER

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE

45

SEX

M

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

NONE

Day

Month

Year

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

23      7      65  
Day      Month      Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

WHEN THE LIGHT DISAPPEARED IT APPEARED TO FLICKER OR FLASH APPROXIMATELY 4 SECONDS BEFORE DISAPPEARING.

THE OBJECT WAS CLEARLY VISIBLE. I believe that IT WAS LESS THAN 10 MILES AWAY FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON. THE AREA NORTHWEST OF THE AIRPORT IS QUITE SPARSELY POPULATED FOR A DISTANCE OF 10 MILES. BETWEEN 10 AND 20 MILES THERE ARE FOUR SMALL TOWNS, AND I believe there would have been several individuals reporting UFO's, as it was I believe there were two.

3 JUN 1965  
Rochester, MINN

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1. When did you see the object?

3 Jul 65  
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 1055 Central Daylight  
Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern  
b. Central  
c. Mountain  
d. Pacific  
e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving  
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

Rochester Minn

Nearest Postal Address

City or Town

State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

7  
Hours Minutes Seconds

- a. Certain  
b. Fairly certain  
c. Not very sure  
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? \_\_\_\_\_ ?

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ ?

6. What was the condition of the sky?

X

NIGHT  
a. Bright  
b. Cloudy

DAY

- a. Bright  
b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

- (Circle One): a. In front of you  
b. In back of you  
c. To your right  
d. To your left  
e. Overhead  
f. Don't remember

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? \_\_\_\_\_

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24.2 How fast were you moving? \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- |                 |     |    |                |                                      |    |
|-----------------|-----|----|----------------|--------------------------------------|----|
| a. Eyeglasses   | Yes | No | e. Binoculars  | Yes                                  | No |
| b. Sun glasses  | Yes | No | f. Telescope   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No |
| c. Windshield   | Yes | No | g. Theodolite  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other _____ |                                      |    |

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

?

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):      Yes      No      Don't Know.      IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind:

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):      Yes      No      Don't Know.      IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: Moon - casting a shadow on moon

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound \_\_\_\_\_

b. Color Appeared a red light

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

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24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

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30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

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31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One) Yes No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One) Yes No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

Z

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_ M

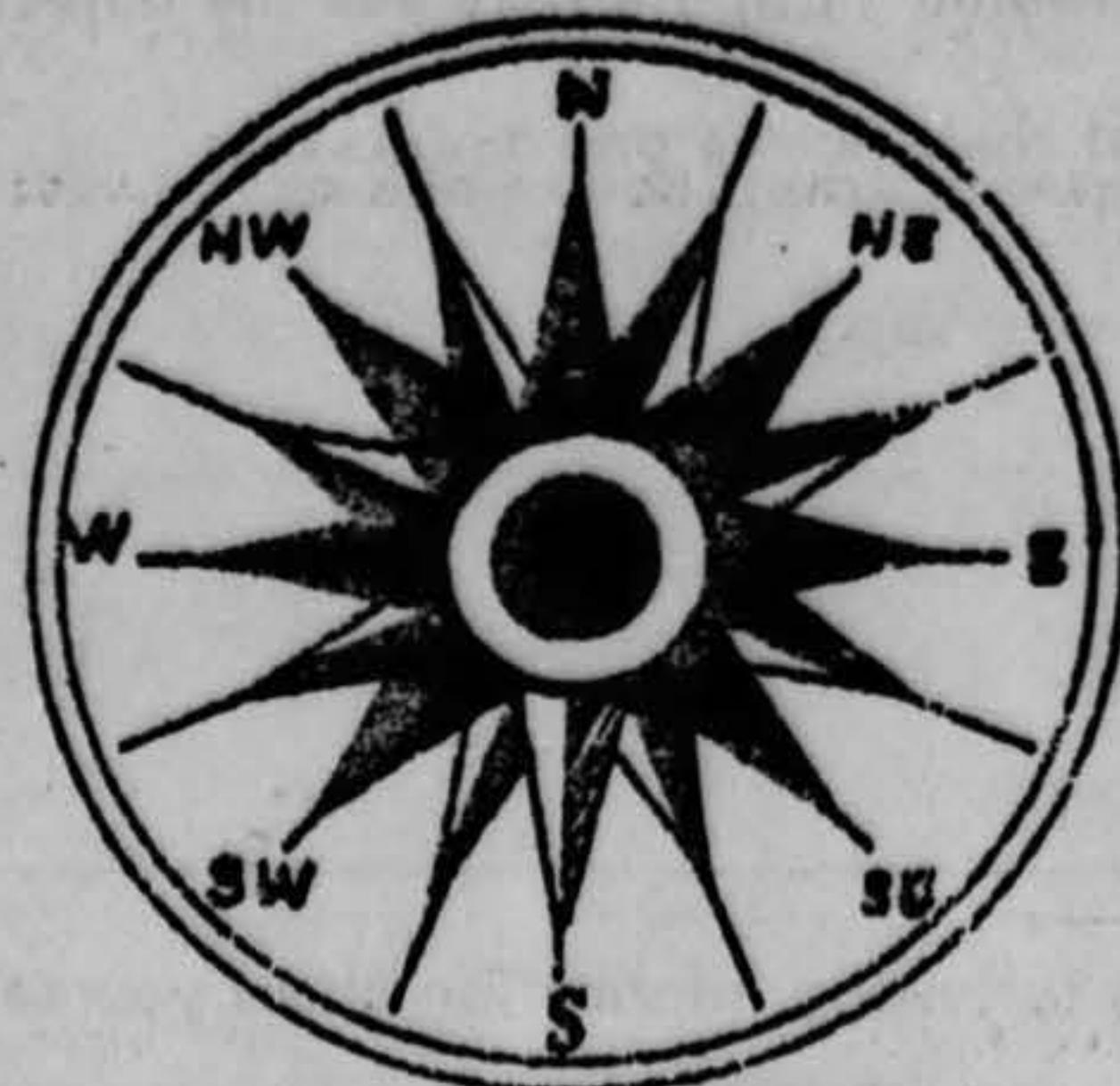
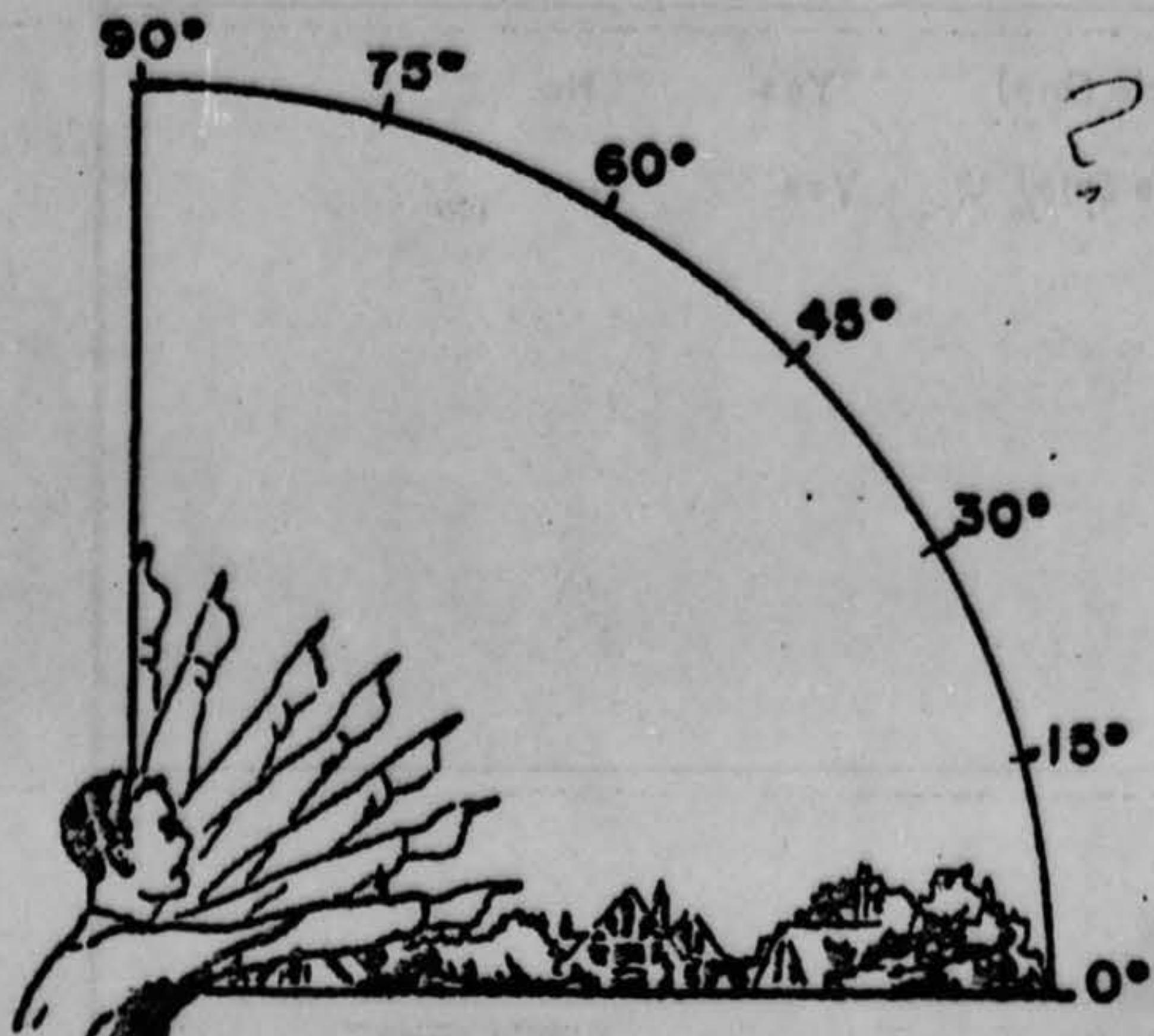
Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

To Duty Officer  
Twin Cities Nav. Air Sta

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28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

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29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

Red object dropped from UFO